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Nationality: Indian

Education: University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC,

Ph.D, 2006

University of Calcutta, India,

M.Sc. in Economics, 1994 Scored 75% and ranked First in Year

Presidency College, Calcutta,

B.Sc. in Economics (Honours), 1992 Scored 65.25% and ranked Fourth in Year

Harinavi D. V. A. S. High School

Higher Secondary, 1989

Scored 85.3% and ranked First in the District

Harinavi D. V. A. S. High School

Matriculation, 1987

Scored 85.3% and ranked First in the District

Awards and Fellowships

Global South Scholar in Residence, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, 2011.

University of BC Graduate Fellowship, University of British Columbia, 2001-02 and

2003-04.

Li Tze Fong Memorial Fellowship, University of British Columbia, 2002-03.

R H Webster Foundation Fellowship, University of British Columbia, 2000-01.

Junior Research Fellowship, Indian Statistical Institute, 1994.

Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India, 1994.

Professional Experience

Rabindra Bharati University, India, 1995-1997

Lecturer in Economics

Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, 1998-2000Lecturer in Economics:

Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, 2004-2006 Senior Lecturer in Economics;

Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, 2006-2009Reader in Economics:

Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, 2009-present Associate Professor in Economics;

Department of Economics, University of Victoria, Fall 2008 Visiting Faculty in Economics;

Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi, Term V, 2017, 2019 Visiting Faculty in Economics;

Publications

Group Formation and Endogenous Information Collection in Microcredit (jointly with Sirsendu Mukherjee) in Opportunities and Challenges in Development: Essays for Sarmila Banerjee, edited by S. Bandyopadhyay and M. Dutta, Springer Singapore, 2019

Technology Licensing between Rival Firms in Presence of Asymmetric Information (jointly with Neelanjan Sen) The BE Journal of Theoretical Economics 17.1 (2017).

Income inequality and the quality of public services: A developing country perspective (jointly with Sarani Saha, and Sarmila Banerjee). Journal of Development Economics 123 (2016): 1-17.

Optimal group size with joint liability group lending strategy (jointly with Sirsendu Mukherjee), Indian Growth and Development Review, Vol. 8 Iss 1 pp. 2-18, 2015.

Optimal Joint Liability and Group Size in Microcredit (jointly with Sirsendu Mukherjee), Arthaniti (New Series), Vol. 13, Nos. 1-2, 2014.

Understanding the "Sorting Hat": the Role of Family and Caste Network in School Choice Decision (jointly with Aparajita Dasgupta, Kumarjit Mandal and Anirban Mukherjee), PERI ESP Working Paper Series 2015 No. 69.

Inequality, Public Service Provision and Exclusion of the Poor, in Development and Sustainability: India in a Global Perspective, edited by Sarmila Banerjee and Anjan Chakraborty, Springer, 2013.

Microfinance in India: An Overview(jointly with Sirsendu Mukherjee), in Changes, Institutions and Identities in Rural India, edited by Ishita Mukhopadhyay and Elizabetha Basile, Anthem Press, India, 2009.

Poverty Management and Self Help Groups: Joint Benefit as an Alternative Governance Mechanism (jointly with Sarmila Banerjee and Sirsendu Mukherjee), Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Vol. 17, No. 1, March 2008.

On the Effects of Trade in Food Grains (jointly with Abhirup Sarkar), in Development and Disparity – India in the Last Quarter of the Twentieth Century, edited by N. Banerji and S. Marjit, Orient Longman, India, 2005.

Foreign Investment, Economic Reforms and Size of the Domestic Market (jointly with Abhirup Sarkar), Arthaniti (New Series), Vol. 1, Nos. 1-2, 2002.

Completed papers and Selected Presentations

Are less informed people more honest? A Theoretical Investigation with Informal Mutual Insurance

10th Annual Conference (Winter School) organized by Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, 2015

Endogenous Information Collection and Equilibrium Rate of Interest: The study of a Limited Liability Credit Market,

10th Annual Conference (Winter School) organized by Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, 2015

Optimal Voting Rules with Divergent Preferences

South Asian Econometric Society Meeting, Chennai, India, 2006

Endogenous Information and Committee Design

Conference on Institutions: Efficiency, Growth and Equity, organized by Department of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2007.

Political Sustainability of Privatization in Reform Economies

17th Annual Conference on 'Contemporary Issues in Development Economics' Organized by the Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal, India, 2007.

Information Aggregation in Multiround Elections,

Canadian Economic Theory Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 2003.

Consultancy

Sl.	Title	Agency	Year
No			
1	School quality, school	The University of	2014-2015
	choice and educational	Oxford, Oxford,	
	outcomes: a study of	UK and Young	
	Andhra Pradesh	Lives, UK	
2	Review of Course on	IIT Kanpur	2014
	Game Theory for		
	Economics at HSS, IIT		
	Kanpur		

Completed Projects

Sl.	Title	Agency	Year	Policy Document
No				
1	District Human	Development and		Publication link
	Development	Planning	2007-	http://www.undp.or
	Report, South 24	Department,	2008	g/content/dam/india/
	Parganas	Govt. of WB /		docs/hdr_south24_p
		Planning		arganas_2009_full_r
		Commission,		eport.pdf
		Govt. of India /		
		UNDP as part		
		SSPHD Project		
		Phase II.		
2	Education,	UGC under UPE	2007-	
	Human Capital	scheme	2010	
	and Urban			
	Employment in			
	West Bengal:			
	Emerging Trends			
	and Future			
	Prospects	111 D 1 D D	1000	
3	Rural Rate of	NABARD	1999-	
	Interest for		2000	
	Institutional			
<u> </u>	Credit in India	7	1000	
4	Research Project	Boston University	1999-	
	on West Bengal	/	2000	
	Panchayats	McArthur		
		Foundation		

Research Guidance

Degree	No.	Candidate Name and Thesis Title	Year	University	Thesis Submitted / Degree Awarded
M. Phil	1	Sirsendu Mukherjee, Group Lending as an Instrument of Poverty Management	2005	University of Calcutta	Awarded
	2	Atreyee Sinha, Political Support for Economic Reforms: Theory & Evidence	2006	University of Calcutta	Awarded
	3	Sanjoy Dey, Impacts of Linking Credit with Insurance: A Theoretical Investigation with Reference to Microfinance	2008	University of Calcutta	Awarded
	4	Tista Kundu, Efficiency Issues in Insurance Market	2012	University of Calcutta	Awarded
	5	Sampita Das Informal Mutual Insurance and Quality of Information: An Exploration.	2015	University of Calcutta	Awarded
	6	Ratul Das Chaudhury Endogenous Information: In Rural Credit Market.	2015	University of Calcutta	Awarded
	7	Shilpi Mukherjee Incentives for writing online reviews	2016	University of Calcutta	Awarded
	8	Kamalika Dasgupta Poverty, Income Distribution and Religious Conflict in Independent India	2017	University of Calcutta	Awarded
	9	Soma Bhaduri Development, Political Fragmentation and Provision of Government Benefits	2018	University of Calcutta	Awarded
Ph.D.	1	Neelanjan Sen Strategic Technology Licensing between Competitors in Oligopoly	2014	University of Calcutta	Awarded
	2	Sirsendu Mukherjee, Microcredit: Some Theoretical Innovations	2015	University of Calcutta	Awarded

References

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